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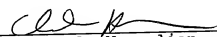
Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for three months, until

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PTO Form 2038(02-2000) is enclosed herewith to cover the appropriate fee. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made, and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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